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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for an original application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below, next to our names. We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought, on the invention entitled:

**TRANSITION SECTION FOR A CATHETER**

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification was filed on **September 26, 2003**, U.S. Serial No. **10/670,465**.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

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## DECLARATION

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